

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Rejection of Claims 1-18:

Claims 1-18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nobakht et
5 al., (US 2001/0039584).

Response:

In the previously presented claim 1 of the present application, an incoming
mark-up language web page is modified by allocating index numbers to hyperlinks on
10 the webpage. Therefore, the webpage is displayed while the embedded hyperlinks are
converted to index numbers for facilitating users to access the Internet sites associated
by the embedded hyperlinks. In this way, a user can access an Internet site associated by
the hyperlink embedded in the displayed webpage by only entering the index number
with respect to the hyperlink.

15 However first, in Nobakht's application, As shown in [para 0026, lines 2-4] and
FIG. 1: "Network 100 comprises a system server 110, Internet sites 120-1 through
120-4, and user terminals 130-A through 130-D, and as shown in [para 36, lines 6-7]
and FIG. 5: "the Internet site requests the available channel number (step 520)". It
20 means that the Internet sites 120-1 through 120-4 have to request available channel
number to the system server 110. As shown in [para 36, lines 8-14] and FIG. 5: "upon
receiving the request (step 530), the network proprietor assigns the available channel
number to the requesting Internet site (step 535), and then updates master channel table
112 (see FIG. 1) to include an Internet site name and address (which are provided by the
25 requesting Internet site) in fields associated with the available channel number (step
540)". It means that the Internet sites 120-1 through 120-4 would be assigned with the
corresponding channel numbers with the names and addresses only after the Internet
sites 120-1 through 120-4 request the system server 110 and then the master channel
table 112 is updated with the corresponding channel numbers associating to the Internet
30 sites 120-1 through 120-4. From the description above, it is known that the master table

112 of Nobakht's application only includes the Internet sites requesting to the system server 110. In other words, those Internet sites which do not request to the system server 110 for assigning channel numbers are not listed in the master table 112.

5 Second, in Nobakht's application, as shown in [para 36, lines 16-18] and FIG. 5: "the updated master channel table information, which includes the newly-assigned channel number, is transmitted over the Internet to one or more user terminals (step 545)". It means that the master channel table is transmitted through Internet to the user terminals 130-A through 130-D. As shown in [para 36, lines 20-24] and FIG. 5: "upon
10 downloading the updated channel table information, the user terminal stores and displays the assigned channel number and Internet name in the manner described above (step 550)". It means the user terminals 130-A through 130-D have to download the master table over the Internet from the system server 110, and then the user terminals 130-A through 130-D can access the content of an Internet site by entering the
15 corresponding assigned channel number.

 Therefore, from the description above, a user terminal only can access those Internet sites registered to the system server and listed in the master table, and the user also have to download the master table from the system server so as to access the
20 registered Internet sites.

 Furthermore, when the content of a registered Internet site is displayed on the screen of the user terminal, if the displayed content is embedded with hyperlinks, there is no clue about how the user terminal can reach the Internet sites associated by the
25 hyperlinks since Nobakht does not teach or suggest how to deal with such situation. That is, Nobakht fails to teach or suggest that hyperlinks embedded in a registered Internet site can be associated with index numbers.

 It is not agreed that Nobakht teaches modifying incoming mark-up language
30 webpage by allocating index numbers to hyperlinks on the webpage in [para 47]. As

shown in [para 47]: "Returning to FIG. 6, after calculating a fee for the selected/requested channel number (step 660), the requesting Internet site is notified regarding the calculated fee (step 670). In an optional embodiment, confirmation that the calculated fee is acceptable is requested from the Internet site (not shown). Upon
5 confirmation of the channel number assignment, the requesting Internet site's address (e.g., URL) and site name are entered in the channel table data base in fields associated with the assigned channel number (step 540; see FIG. 5)". That is, Nobakht teaches that if an Internet site wants to register to the system server and get a channel number, the Internet site has to pay for storing the Internet address and the name of the Internet site
10 into the database of the system server. If the Internet site confirms to pay, a channel number would be assigned to the Internet site and the Internet address and the name of the Internet site are stored associated with the assigned number into the database of the system server. Thus, in this paragraph, Nobakht does not teach any method for modifying incoming mark-up language webpage by allocating index numbers to
15 hyperlinks on the webpage. It is believed that this paragraph is misinterpreted in the Office action.

It is also not agreed that Nobakht teaches creating an anchor table associating the hyperlinks with the index numbers in [para 48]. As shown in [para 48]: "FIGS. 9(A) and
20 9(B) depict computer pages 900A and 900B, respectively, that are displayed in accordance with an aspect of the present invention. In particular, computer pages 900A and 900B are data files stored in flash memory 219, and are displayed on monitor 132 (see FIG. 4). In one embodiment, computer pages 900A and 900B are written in a Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) such as Hypertext Markup Language
25 (HTML). Computer page 900A includes a channel number table 910A and a group of logos 920A that are arranged in rows and columns next to channel number table 910A". Nobakht only teaches that those Internet sites registered to the system server can be displayed with the assigned channel numbers and their logos. Thus, in this paragraph, Nobakht does not teach any method for creating an anchor table associating the
30 hyperlinks with the index numbers. It is believed that this paragraph is misinterpreted in

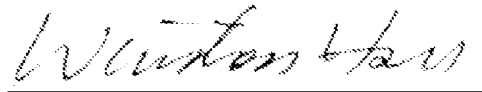
the Office action.

Therefore, it is believed that the previously presented claim 1 is not anticipated by Nobakht and should be allowable. Claims 2-11 are dependent on the previously presented claim 1 and should be allowable if the previously presented claim 1 is allowable.

The previously presented claims 12 and 18 should be allowable for the same reasons as the previously presented claim 1. Claims 13-17 are dependent on the previously presented claim 12 and should be allowable if the previously presented claim 12 is allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,



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